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Over half the sentenced political prisoners held as of August 1987 in Indonesian prisons in Dili, the capital of East Timor, have been released. They had served almost all of their sentences. The total number of political prisoners in East Timor is not known, but the Indonesian government has occasionally made public lists of prisoners who have been tried and sentenced by Indonesian courts in East Timor or lists of prisoners who are due for release after the expiry of their sentence.

Under Indonesian law all sentenced prisoners are eligible for remission of their sentence for good behaviour on Independence Day, 17 August, each year. (See East Timor: Releases of Political Prisoners, AI Index: ASA 21/23/87). In August 1987 the Indonesian authorities announced that 152 political prisoners in East Timor had benefited from remission of their sentences and that 24 of them had been released as a result.

Further releases of sentenced political prisoners took place after the 17 August holiday. Twenty-four sentenced political prisoners were released in September and another 20 in October. Full details on the 20 released in October were given in East Timor: Further Releases of Political Prisoners (ASA 21/24/87). The names of the 24 released in September are given in Appendix 1. By November 1987, therefore, the total number of sentenced political prisoners was reported to be just over 80. Of these 55 were held in the Becora prison and 28 in the Comarca prison. Seven political prisoners were reported to be then held awaiting trial.

According to official Indonesian sources, 19 political prisoners whose sentences were due to expire between January and March 1988 were to be released early on 23 December 1987. Their names are given in Appendix 2. According to another official Indonesian list of sentenced prisoners, there would then be 56 remaining prisoners serving sentences in Indonesian prisons in Dili. Their names and details are given in Appendix 3. Amnesty International does not know if further arrests have taken place since the latest releases were announced.

All these prisoners were convicted in Dili in trials which Amnesty International believes may not have met international standards for fairness (see Statement on East Timor by Amnesty International to the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization, ASA 21/22/87).

Appendix 1 East Timorese prisoners released in September 1987

Name (Age)	Occupation	Trial Date	Sentence
Jeremias Amaral (26)	Farmer	Jul 1986	1 yr 6 mths
Leki Lu (38)	Farmer	Dec 1985	2 yrs
Daniel Gomes Baptista (28)	Farmer	Dec 1985	2 yrs
Naha Niku (28)	Farmer	Dec 1985	2 yrs
Maria Guilhermina Viegas (34)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Maria Amelia Sousa (44)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Manuel Ricardo Da Costa (22)	District official	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Manuel Jaime (25)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Cipriano de Araujo (36)	Militiaman	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Alexandre dos Santos (32)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Joaquim Alves (27)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Dominggus Da Costa Cruz (30)	Teacher	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Antoni Ximenes Serpa (34)	Teacher	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Joao Cortereal (36)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Jorge Marques (36)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Adelino Pinto (38)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Martinho Soares (22)	Farmer	Jun 1985	2 yrs 6 mths
Anastasio Jorge Da Silva (32)	Teacher	Jan 1985	3 yrs
Rogerio Algerio Pinto (36)	Cooperative worker	Jan 1985	3 yrs
Anselmo de Oliveira (42)	Farmer	Jan 1985	3 yrs
Sebastiao Sarmento (37)	Farmer	Jan 1985	3 yrs
Miguel Da Silva (42)	Farmer	Jan 1985	3 yrs
Claudino Piedade (47)	Farmer	Jan 1985	3 yrs
Joao Da Silva (34)	Farmer	Jan 1985	3 yrs

Appendix 2 East Timorese Prisoners to be released in December 1987

Name (Age)	Origin	Trial	Sentence
Thomas Pinto (28)	Viqueque	1985	1 yr 6 mths
Thomas Soares (29)	Viqueque	1986	1 yr 6 mths
Funu Kale (31)	Viqueque	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
Mateus Amaral (27)	Viqueque	1986	2 yrs
Fernando Belo (24)	Baucau	1986	1 yr 6 mths
Fransisco Simoes (25)	Viqueque	1986	4 yrs
Januario Lopes (17)	Baucau	1986	2 yrs
Jacinto de Freitas (27)	Baucau	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
Salvador Lurdis (27)	Baucau	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
Fransisco Virera (37)	Baucau	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
Rui Manuel (27)	Lospalos	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
Constantino Da Costa (31)	Baucau	1986	3 yrs 6 mths
Jacinto Amaral (31)	Viqueque	1986	2 yrs
Caitano Alves (17)	Viqueque	1985	2 yrs
Nicodemus Sarmento (34)	Same	1985	3 yrs
Duarte Marcal (42)	Viqueque	1985	3 yrs
Octavio Soares (32)	Viqueque	1985	3 yrs
Matius Pinto (40)	Baucau	1986	1 yr 6 mths
Armando Sequeira (41)	Viqueque	1987	2 yrs

Appendix 3 Sentenced political prisoners in East Timor January 1988

Name (Age)	Origin	Trial	Sentence	Expected Release
Luis Maria Da Silva (45)	Baucau	1986	10 years	Dec 1995
Felix Ximenes (25)	Baucau	1986	6 yrs	Dec 1992
Antoni (22)	Lospalos	1985	5 yrs	Oct 1990
Antoni Soares (25)	Ermera	1986	4 yrs	Nov 1990
Fernando Da Costa Soares (32)	Viqueque	1984	5 yrs	Jun 1989
Leao Mendosa (29)	Aileu	1987	2 yrs	Oct 1988
Florindo Da Costa Rangel (29)	Aileu	1987	2 yrs	Oct 1988
Tito de Araujo (20)	Ainaro	1987	2 yrs	Oct 1988
Vital Noronha (26)	Aileu	1987	2 yrs	Oct 1988
Dominggus Xavier Pereira (34)	Aileu	1987	2 yrs	Oct 1988
Armando Dos Santos (25)	Lospalos	1986	2 yrs	Sep 1988
Ernesto Soares (28)	Ainaro	1986	2 yrs	Aug 1988
Alvaro dos Santos (35)	Maliana	1985	3 yrs 6 mths	Oct 1988
Ricardo Freitas (24)	Baucau	1986	3 yrs	Jul 1989
Joao Xavier (29)	Ainaro	1986	2 yrs	Aug 1988
Baltazar Mendez (26)	Dili	1985	3 yrs 6 mths	Jun 1989
Paulo Amaral (29)	Viqueque	1984	4 yrs	Jun 1988
Dominggus Da Costa Soares(40)	Viqueque	1986	2 yrs	Jul 1988
Henrique Falcao (25)	Aileu	1987	1 yr 6 mths	Apr 1988
Carlos Da Costa (21)	Bobonaro	1985	3 yrs	Apr 1988
Alexandre Rosa Conceicao (33)	Dili	1984	5 yrs	May 1989
Jose Fernandes (30)	Lospalos	1987	2 yrs	Sep 1988
Marcal Maya (21)	Bobonaro	1985	4 yrs 6 mths	Oct 1989
Jose Ramos (35)	Ainaro	1986	3 yrs	Aug 1989
Kandido Babo (25)	Viqueque	1986	3 yrs 6 mths	Sep 1989
Manuel Marcal Sequeira (54)	Baucau	1986	3 yrs	Aug 1989
Miguel Soares (24)	Viqueque	1985	3 yrs	Apr 1989
Manuel Agostinho Fretes (30)	Ainaro	1985	3 yrs	Apr 1988
Egerio de Jesus (25)	Aileu	1987	1 yr 6 mths	Apr 1988
Saturnino Da Costa Belo (30)	Baucau	1986	4 yrs	Aug 1990
Dominggus Ximenes Tae (30)	Manatuto	1985	3 yrs	Mar 1988
Matias Oliveira (29)	Dili	1984	5 yrs	Dec 1988
Joao Felisiano Soriano da Silva (29)	Dili	1984	5 yrs	Dec 1988
Octavio Maria de Fatima Araujo (30)	Dili	1984	5 yrs	Dec 1988
Alfonso Rangel (48)	Viqueque	1985	5 yrs	Mar 1990
Alexio Pereira Guterres (46)	Ainaro	1987	7 yrs	Nov 1993
Amaro Sarmento (21)	Viqueque	1986	3 yrs	Feb 1989
Adriano Cortereal (39)	Aileu	1987	3 yrs	Oct 1989
Gil Fernandes (28)	Lospalos	1985	7 yrs	Aug 1992
Moises Da Costa (30)	Maliana	1985	3 yrs	Apr 1988
Antonio Amado Soares (35)	Viqueque	1985	3 yrs	Sep 1988
Sabino Bareto (26)	Bobonaro	1985	4 yrs 6mths	Oct 1989
Joao Bosco Aniceto de Araujo (50)	Viqueque	1984	4 yrs	Jun 1988
Marcelino Sarmento (44)	Baucau	1986	2 yrs	Aug 1988
Fransisco Feliciano Ximenes (43)	Baucau	1984	4 yrs	Jun 1988
Tito Bareto (45)	Maliana	1985	3 yrs	Apr 1988
Cristavo Ximenes (27)	Baucau	1986	2 yrs 6 mths	Jun 1988
Maria Fatima Pinto (28)	Dili	1984	6 yrs 6 mths	Nov 1990
Alcina Dos Santos (25)	Lospalos	1987	1 yr 6 mths	May 1988
Rosa Mendosa (34)	Ainaro	1986	2 yrs	Aug 1988

Juaquina Norato (24)	Lospalos	1987	3 yrs	Nov 1989
Maria Imaculada Araujo (25)	Dili	1984	5 yrs	May 1989
Beatris Duarte Alberto (30)	Dili	1984	5 yrs	May 1989
Reynaldo Pereira (32)	Aileu	1987	2 yrs	Apr 1988
Fransisco Ximenes (25)	Viqueque	1986	4 yrs	Feb 1990